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Introduction

This publication is the first of a series intended to provide information to the law enforcement community on current topics relating to <u>crime prevention</u>, family violence, juvenile justice, <u>T.E.A.M.</u> (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) School Liaison Program, and <u>Michigan Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse</u>. The Prevention Services Section staff strives to ensure the safety of our citizens through the pursuit of innovations and initiatives, which coordinate and improve the collective efforts of the public safety and criminal justice system.

T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) School Liaison Program

Openings still exist for the upcoming T.E.A.M. School Liaison Instructor Training Session. The Prevention Services Section will present the 40-hour MCOLES 302 approved training on April 18-22, 2005 at the Michigan State Police Training Academy.

T.E.A.M. training focuses primarily on a proactive effort to make schools and communities safer and to promote responsible citizenship and positive character traits among students. This training provides the officers with the materials and skills that are required to bring the T.E.A.M. Program to their community schools.

For additional information or to register for this training, please contact the Prevention Services Section at (517) 333-4006.

Michigan's Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse

The Prevention Services Section serves as the state's clearinghouse for information concerning missing and exploited children. Programs coordinated by section staff include the "Eagle Eye – Child Net Program" (partnership with the United States Postal Service), TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids), LOCATER (Lost Child Alert Technology Resource), and Amber Alert (statewide network broadcast).

School Violence Hotline

The Prevention Services Section manages the statewide School Violence Hotline established in March 2001. This toll-free number, 800-815-TIPS, is available to any person to report threats of imminent school violence or other suspicious or criminal conduct by juveniles. If you would like to obtain free School Violence Hotline posters for your schools, contact our office and we will have them shipped direct to you.

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